

27th February 1928]

Mr. J. A. DAVIS :—“ Mr. President, Sir, no doubt this resolution has been brought with very good intentions ; but I am afraid that it is going to have just the opposite effect of the intention of the resolution. It says that whenever a temple or a mosque is to be extended, the discretion of the Collector is to be called in. The extension of temples and mosques are every-day occurrences. Populations have grown and so the temples and mosques require extension. When people apply for the extension of a temple or a mosque and the Collector refuses to give permission you will see that it would not be the Collector who would be blamed but the Hindu community in the case of a Muhammadan mosque and the Muhammadan community in the case of a Hindu temple. It will create a great deal of friction which is better to avoid.

“ So far as Christians are concerned I am sure there will be no such trouble. So far as Hindu temples and Muhammadan mosques are concerned, this resolution, if it is passed, is going to bring very great trouble. The hon. the Minister just pointed out that the Collector had certain powers ; I think he has no power to prevent the extension of temples or mosques or churches ; he would not be consulted in such cases. The powers of the Collector are not intended to be applied in the cases of extension of mosques or temples. They are intended to be exercised in the case of the building of a mosque in the midst of houses of Hindu community or of a temple in the midst of the locality of Muhammadan community. Those powers will not certainly apply to extension of mosques or temples. I think my hon. Friend would be well advised to leave things alone.”

(Mr. Abdul Hye rose to speak.)

\* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—The hon. Member has already moved his amendment. He will not be given a chance of speaking again.”

K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I wish to oppose the resolution.”

\* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ I am sorry I cannot allow the hon. Member to speak again.”

\* Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :—“ Sir, there seems to be a good deal of misunderstanding about this innocent resolution. I do not mean to insult any particular community. All I want is to secure peace and order between community and community. I feel that certain communities are over-sensitive ; I also feel that it would be unwise on my part to press the resolution. . . .”

\* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ Does the hon. Member propose to withdraw the resolution ? Then he is not entitled to make any remarks.”

\* Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :—To give greater scope for discussion and consideration of this point in the country, I withdraw the resolution for the present.”

The resolution was by leave withdrawn.

#### APPOINTMENT OF A SEPARATE DEPUTY INSPECTRESS FOR MUSLIM GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur :—“ Sir, I beg to move that —

*‘ this Council recommends to the Government that steps be taken to appoint a separate Deputy Inspectress for all Muhammadan girls' schools in the Ceded districts.’*

[Mr. K. Abdul Hye] [27th February 1928]

"In doing so I shall begin the subject by referring to the all-important question of the education of Muslim girls. The departmental statistics will convince even a casual observer that illiteracy is appalling and that the very fringe of their education has not at all been touched. With a handful of elementary schools struggling for life, inspected by non-Muhammadan male officers ignorant of the Urdu language, there is absolutely no hope for anything like advancement in the near future.

"If it is considered that with special reference to the recommendations made among others by the All-India Educational Commission and accepted by the supreme Government with the concurrence of Local Governments in view of the educational backwardness of the community, a special agency is essential for the inspection of schools intended for Muhammadan boys, the inauguration of a well-conceived policy adopted to the special needs of the Muhammadan girls will only be in the nature of a fitting corollary to it.

"What is really wanted is that, to begin with, there must be a Sub-Assistant Inspectress, Muhammadan or non-Muhammadan, knowing of course Urdu, who should solely look after Muhammadan female education. Such a step does not stand in need of any additional expenditure, because one of the existing subordinates to the Inspectress will have to be placed in entire charge of Muhammadan girls' schools. The experiment may be started in the Ceded districts and might then be extended gradually to the Presidency. A special itinerant Inspectress of Schools may be appointed who in conjunction with the existing Circle Inspectresses one after the other would devise schemes for the improvement of Muhammadan female education in their respective circles and consider such questions as the educational survey of Muhammadan females, curricula of studies comprising the essential element of religion, the machinery needed to overcome local prejudices and the means necessary to convert the Muhammadan female section into an economic asset in their homes, the Gosha system placing them at present at a considerable disadvantage as compared with the sister communities. With these words I commend my resolution to the consideration of the House."

MR. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—"Sir, I have great pleasure in seconding this resolution."

\* THE HON. THE PRESIDENT :—"The question is that 'this Council recommends to the Government that steps be taken to appoint a separate Deputy Inspectress for all Muhammadan girls' schools in the Ceded districts.'"

\* THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Mr. President, Sir, I am in entire sympathy with the hon. Mover of this resolution that the education of Muhammadan girls is just as important as the education of Muhammadan boys and the Government will do all in their power to encourage Muslim girls to get educated in the same way as girls belonging to other communities are getting educated in this province. But there is one great difficulty in giving effect to the resolution so ably moved by my hon. Friend Mr. Abdul Hye Sahib. The number of schools specially meant for Muhammadan girls in the whole Presidency is 360. So it would be rather a hard thing if one Deputy Inspectress is to be placed in charge of these 360 schools with a roving commission to go all over the province to inspect these schools. Besides, there is another and greater difficulty.

"The question as a matter of fact was considered by my hon. Friend, Sir A. P. Patro, when he was in charge of this department and he found that

27th February 1928]

[Dr. P. Subbarayan]

it was impossible to give effect to this for two reasons. Firstly, as the number of such schools was comparatively few in the Presidency, it will be uneconomical to think of employing a separate staff of officers for these schools. Secondly, qualified Muslim women are not available to fill such posts as Deputy Inspectresses. We are to-day in the same position as we were four years ago. As a matter of fact we have had an enquiry made by the Director of Public Instruction as to the number of Muslim girls reading in Arts Colleges to-day and there are only 4 such Muslim girls in the whole of the Province. I take it that the idea of the hon. the Mover of the resolution is mostly that there should be a separate Muslim Deputy Inspectress as is the case with Muhammadan boys' schools, but there is this difficulty that there are none such available. There is also the question of the number of such schools. Taking all these matters into consideration, and as they stand at present, it will not be possible to comply with the request of the hon. the Mover of the resolution. If there are competent Muhammadan women available, Government will see whether they could not appoint a Muhammadan woman who is willing to occupy a place as Deputy Inspectress of Schools. But I am afraid I cannot accept this resolution. I therefore hope that the hon. the Mover of the resolution will have no objection to withdraw the resolution."

K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am sorry, Sir, that the hon. Minister has misunderstood the whole position. I never wanted a Muhammadan lady to be the Inspectress. I knew the difficulty and so simply wanted that some lady should be appointed, of course knowing Urdu. I suggested that a lady may be appointed and an experiment may be made. I am not therefore prepared to withdraw."

The motion was put to vote and declared negatived.

A poll was demanded and taken with the following result :—

*Ayes.*

- |                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Mr. R. Nagan Gowda.          | 4. Abdul Razaek Sahib Bahadur. |
| 2. Abdul Hye Sahib Bahadur.     | 5. Moideu Sahib Bahadur, T. M. |
| 3. Kadir Moideen Sahib Bahadur. |                                |

*Noes.*

- |                                                  |                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar.           | 19. Mr. J. A. Davis.                 |
| 2. " Sir Norman Marjoribanks.                    | 20. " V. Ch. John.                   |
| 3. " Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur.  | 21. " Muppil Nayyar.                 |
| 4. " Mr. T. E. Moir.                             | 22. Subadar Major Nanjappa Bahadur.  |
| 5. " Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogya-swami Mudaliyar. | 23. Mr. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai.  |
| 6. " Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar.                | 24. " C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar.  |
| 7. " Dr. P. Subbaroyan.                          | 25. " N. Siva Raj.                   |
| 8. Mr. F. B. Evans                               | 26. " V. I. Muniswami Pillai.        |
| 9. " H. A. Watson.                               | 27. " W. P. A. Soundarapandya Nadar. |
| 10. " G. T. Boag.                                | 28. " T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar.      |
| 11. " A. Me. G. C. Tampoe.                       | 29. " S. Subrahmanya Mooppanar.      |
| 12. " S. H. Slater.                              | 30. " Daniel Thomas.                 |
| 13. " C. B. Cotterell.                           | 31. " S. V. Vanavudaya Gownder.      |
| 14. " P. J. Gnanavaram Pillai.                   | 32. " W. O. Wright.                  |
| 15. The Zamindar of Seithur.                     | 33. Rajkumar S. N. Dorai Raj.        |
| 16. Mr. H. B. Ari Gowder.                        | 34. Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar.       |
| 17. " A. Balakrishna Shetty.                     | 35. The Zamindar of Gollapalli.      |
| 18. " J. Bheemayya.                              | 36. Mr. Swami Sahajanandam.          |
|                                                  | 37. Rao Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu. |

Ayes : 5. Noes : 37.

The resolution was lost.